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addy. Providence or Fate has
 decided the tip top studio I
 contemplated on the side of yr.
 arguments - ~~the~~ Last Monday night
 the Church in Bronfals st. wh. ad-
 joins the studio at the back for
 burned down & the studio itself was
 in imminent danger & as consequence
 the trustees have decided not to
 build - I don't care much - I was
 about deciding myself that it was
 somewhat risky to build at my
 own expense directly over their under-
 boy below - & now again the
 world is all before me where to
 choose - & Providence my guide.
 For the ath. m. I have no expecta-
 tion - scarcely a hope of it. I find
 that no corporate body ever
 moves disinterestedly - & I am
 not the beggar to ask of them
 & in time, with this anticipated result
 I am also content - for I foresee
 certain incalculable contingencies in
 case my fork is caught in that
 perch - but the space & the light

would. These it worth trying
for? & - There are - certainly
other nice things about it -
A deer - I don't deny those
gripes are tempting - Adios
I will try to find a room for
you - but - I will - something
will turn up - don't be anxious -
Might you perceive I am all
at sea - I go into town every
day & work for the last day
or two in Miss Green's room - the
charming little room in the room
South west upper corner next to
72 (was she there, when you were
here) - for the last 2 days I have
been working on my medallion for
the fair & looking after those
marble fellows - Barry is a tramp
& mind his business - Milmore
I regret having anything to do with -
I went to Dr. G - I yesterday
A. M. - In doubt that he will
find time to go to Dr. M. - the
no. of his patients increases so
fast - Louise & Mrs. Rowan are
among them - The L. t's were here
yesterday - Katy's foot does not

Progress registered - but on the whole she thinks it is better -
Yes - Abby I think it wd. be better to secure our business affairs from the treachery of weak memories like yours - but for you mine is better - & so I return to you \$15.00 not being able to see with the best vision I can bring to bear how or when that expense was incurred in yr acct. & knowing well what the bargain was - Am I to pay back when I go to spend a week at yr house? no not for less than 3 successive weeks - will I cater to yr. repelling of friends for labor - let it rest - Abby

All well - & send love -
We also have great weather night after night I drive out of Boston right into the glowing gates of the west - It is a good winter - The reception last night was not so brilliant as the last year - they tell me -

When are you coming back? - when - dearest - will you begin to think of it yet? Kiss Aunt for me - & tell Sarah I will

Give her the very best picture of myself I have taken